

INTERACTIVE TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR  
OPTIMIZING SERVICE ECONOMY

J.N. 08/7981/5

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A central location of a telephone switching system  
is placed where favorable local exchange tariffs are  
available. The central location includes a caller  
responsive unit which compares the caller identifi-  
cation accompanying the call attempt against a  
10 prestored list of identification data assigned to  
authorized system users. A positive comparison  
result causes the system to signal to the originator  
to terminate the call attempt. The system  
thereafter calls the originating caller telephone  
from the central location. The system allows the  
15 originating caller to input the number of the party  
to whom a connection is desired by the originator.  
The system responds by establishing a connection  
with the called party and bridges communications  
between the called and calling parties at the  
20 central location. The system includes the  
capability of employing audio responses of various  
types to calling or called parties.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY